

### III. REMARKS

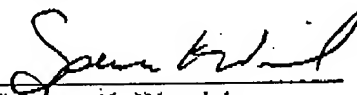
Claims 1-4 and 21-33 are pending in this application. By this response, claims 1-4 were elected for examination, claims 5-20 have been cancelled and claims 21-33 have been added. Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

With regard to new claims 21-33, these claims are believed to be within the scope of Group I, claims 1-4.

Applicant has revised claim 2 to correct an informality and to place it in better form for examination. Since this revision was not made in response to a rejection, Applicants submit that the revision is not made to meet any requirements for patentability.

Should the Examiner require anything further from Applicants, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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